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MHCC 10-002
CONSULTANT SERVICES TO SUPPORT CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOOD
STREAM INFECTION DATA QUALITY REVIEW AND VALIDATION

ADDENDUM #1
QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES

Question: What is the total number of records to be reviewed? Is it 200 records per hospital or 200 records divided by the 46 participating hospitals?

Response: The audit will include 200 records total among the 46 hospitals (see page 15 of the RFP).

Question: Is it an expectation that all hospitals will be audited annually or does the bidder decide which hospitals to audit?

Response: The proposed Work plan shall include a framework for selecting hospitals for review (see page 14 of the RFP).

Question: Who decides the time interval for the audit process? (e.g., Is one month of hospital data reviewed or random charts from the past year?) Does the bidder decide on the time interval (i.e.—all positive blood cultures for the period January thru February or all positive blood cultures for the first two weeks of each month of the year)?

Response: The reporting of CLABSI data to the MHCC began in July 2008. The data are reported on a monthly basis, 30 days following the end of the month. The MHCC in consultation with the contractor shall determine the data period (i.e., time interval) most appropriate for this validation process.

Question: The NHSN system and the hospital ICP will have the names of those reported with CLABSI which will need to be validated. The harder part is determining those that did not get reported and for what reason.

Response: The proposed Work plan shall include recommendations for identifying and analyzing unreported CLABSI cases and cases reported but not meeting NHSN criteria (see page 14 of RFP).